



Our ref: MM/HB  
Date: 19<sup>TH</sup> July 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

This year we have celebrated some fantastic successes and I would like to share with you a selection of our school achievements.

Recently three Year 9 Business Studies students ventured down to London to Westminster where they not only took part in but won the national final of the Solutions for the Planet competition. The girls presented their award winning idea – Bin it to Win it where points are awarded for disposing of recyclable rubbish. Thanks to the University of Leeds our students were able to take with them a prototype of the bin. The girls' great idea will be further developed and maybe one day could be in every city in the UK.

We have recruited an excellent team of staff who have completed their induction training already and are looking forward to joining Pudsey Grangefield in September.

I would like to wish colleagues who will be leaving Pudsey Grangefield this year the very best as they embark on new ventures.

The vast majority of our students spend each and every day putting maximum effort into their learning. It is with great pleasure that we recognise their efforts and achievements. This half term we have rewarded students in the following ways:

Breakfast with the Principal – Students awarded 500+ merits this year were personally invited to a special breakfast with me where they enjoyed a delicious breakfast of croissants, muffins, fruit and hot chocolate and were presented with a special letter of recognition.

Awards Evenings – Students across Years 7 to 10 attended special ceremonies, along with family members, staff and governors, where they were presented with trophies and certificates for their incredible work ethic, progression in a specific area, commitment to learning or being an outstanding role model to their peers.

Reward Afternoon – This year, as a change to the usual end of year trips, we decided to trial a new programme to round off the academic year. Over the final week celebration assemblies have taken place for each year group followed by an afternoon of fun activities on the school field. The ice-cream van with complimentary ice-cream was a welcome relief for both students



and staff from the afternoon sun. Old school games including the egg & spoon and sack race made a comeback and feedback from all was fantastic.

Our work with the PGS Trust Partners culminated in a series of one to one interviews for Year 10 students in preparation for college, apprenticeship or job interviews. We are grateful to our Trust Partners who led the interviews and shared their vast knowledge and experience of interview best practice and techniques. Feedback from our partners was extremely positive with comments praising our students for their professionalism and attention to their preparation for the interviews.

Following the recent consultation from September 2017 the school day will follow the above timings with the school day starting at 8.30am. I would ask that students arrive to school at 8.20am to ensure a prompt start to the school day.

Period	Version B
Form Time	8.30 – 8.50am
Period 1	8.50 – 9.50am
Period 2	9.50 – 10.50am
Break	10.50 – 11.10am
Period 3	11.10am – 12.10pm
Period 4	12.10 – 1.05pm
Lunch	1.05 – 1.40pm
Period 5	1.40 – 2.40pm
	Friday P5 would finish at 2.30pm

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August – A Level Results Day

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August – GCSE Results Day

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Training Day 1

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

8.30am Year 7 only

Students should arrive at 8.20am to ensure a prompt 8.30am start.





11.10am Year 12 Enrolment  
Year 13 Enrolment

1.40pm Year 8 to 11  
Students should arrive at 1.10pm to ensure a prompt 1.40pm start in Form groups.  
*Students entitled to a free school meal can obtain this from 1.00pm in the Street.*

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 6-8pm - Open Evening for parents/carers of Year 6 2017/18 students.

From September there will be a focus on students wearing the correct school uniform and having the right equipment for every lesson. Every lesson students' equipment will be checked to ensure they have the basic tools. Equipment will be available to purchase from 8.15am to 8.25am in the Learning Gateway by the main hall and at break and lunch time in the library. Please refer to the guide which was posted out recently and is also available in the Parent and Carer section of the school website at [www.pudseygrangefield.co.uk](http://www.pudseygrangefield.co.uk).

I wish you and your family a fantastic summer and I look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr M McKelvie  
Principal**